Asian Arts Agency presents:

NAYAN GHOSH WITH ARAJ

the maestro with the prodigies…



A multifaceted artist, Pandit Nayan Ghosh judiciously balances educative and entertaining elements in his recitals.

Maestro Pandit Nayan Ghosh is an acclaimed and established stalwart with exceptional command on two diverse instruments – the sitar and the tabla.

In this 50th year of his glorious performing career, he brings forth a new collaboration with ARAJ – an ensemble of brilliant young starts of Indian classical music.

Touring UK 13th to 18th March 2022

ABOUT PANDIT NAYAN GHOSH



Maestro Nayan Ghosh is acclaimed in India and around the world as one of India's foremost musicians, with an unusual dimension – the only maestro with superlative command on two diverse instruments, the sitar and tabla.

Son and disciple of the 20th century tabla wizard Nikhil Ghosh and nephew of Pannalal Ghosh, 'the father of Indian classical flute', Nayan has inherited the rich musical legacy and carries it with dignity and grace.

His sitar recitals sparkle with intense melodiousness and rich delineations, bringing out the depth and the true spirit of the raga. His judicious balance of the gayaki (vocalisation) and the tantrakari (instrumentation) elements reveal his unswerving focus on musical form and beauty. His formidable tabla solos drawn from an enviable repertoire of the Farukhabad, Delhi, Ajrada, Lucnow and Punjab schools and his eloquent and mesmerising accompaniments have won him a strong stamp of recognition as one of the foremost tabla exponents.

Since the 1970s, Nayan Ghosh has performed at prestigious international music festivals and Universities around the world. Over the years he has also taught as a distinguished visiting professor, including appointments at Kent State University and Emory University in the USA.

Nayan Ghosh has shared the stage with such legends as Ravi Shankar, Vilayat Khan and Nikhil Banerjee. He has collaborated with world musicians such as the 'father of minimal music' Terry Riley, avant-garde pianist Yosuke Yamashita, guitarist Kazumi Watanabe, Kidd Jordan and Henry Butler, Paul Grant, Ross Daly and John Bailey.

Presently, as Director of India's leading music academy, the Sangit Mahabharati in Juhu, Mumbai, Nayan is imparting advanced training to numerous young aspiring musicians.





ABOUT ARAJ

Meaning: prayer, fragrance and request for divine grace, is a classical collaboration between five exceptional young talents from India.

The group has been conceptualised and designed by young tabla virtuoso, Ishaan Ghosh and incorporates vibrant musical compositions in tabla, sitar, flute, classical vocal and sarangi.

The group comprises of Ishaan Ghosh (tabla), S Akash (flute), Mehtab Ali (sitar), Pratik Singh (vocals) and Vanraj Shastri (sarangi).

The quintet presents authentic traditional classical music coupled with a contemporary flair, brilliance and exuberance.

Each of the artistes have honed their prodigious talents under acknowledged masters and ‘Guru-s’ and display musical maturity and expertise much belying their age.

TOURING

The presentation by maestro Nayan Ghosh and the young artistes will feature repertoire from every genre of Indian instrumental and vocal music with a unique dynamism, keeping in mind the aesthetic beauty and grandeur of traditional Indian music.

The stalwart and Araj together will present a wide range of performances encompassing both classical and semi-classical styles of Indian music, in the form of solos, duets, trios as well as group performances.

The expertise and magnetism of Nayan Ghosh and the collective artistic energies of the young virtuosi promises to be musically enriching and an opportunity to experience the joy of music.

ISHAAN GHOSH

All of 19, Ishaan Ghosh stands out as one of the front-ranking tabla players in the younger generation of India's classical music scene. He is the grandson of one of the most acclaimed tabla maestros of the 20th century, late 'Padmabhushan' Nikhil Ghosh and the son and disciple of the internationally renowned tabla and sitar stalwart Nayan Ghosh.

An exceptionally gifted child prodigy, since the age of 8, Ishaan has presented traditional Indian music at prestigious venues in Switzerland, France, Spain, USA, UK, Mexico, Hawaii among others.

His dynamic tabla solos have received wide appreciation from musicians and connoisseurs alike. Besides accompanying his father's sitar concerts, he has also performed with landmark figures in the field of Indian classical music like 'Sangeet Martand' Pt. Jasraj, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Padmabhushan Pt Buddhadev Dasgupta, Ustad Aashish Khan, Pt. Tejendra Narayan Majumdar, violin legend Dr. N Rajam, Rakesh Chaurasia and Purbayan Chatterjee, among several other prominent artistes.

He has regularly collaborated with musicians of various other genres like German jazz guitarist Max Clouth, Mohammad Rasouli and percussionists Fakhroddin Ghaffari and Hamid Reza Rahbaralam of Iran, Hoo Eouling of China and Raho Langsepp of Estonia.

He was conferered the 'Baba Allauddin Khan Yuva Puraskar' by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, India, in 2012.

In 2016, he was specially invited along with his father by the former President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, to give a benefit concert for the *Habitat of Humanity* project.

S AKASH

One of the most vibrant young flautists of India, S Akash has been a child prodigy and has trained under flute exponents like the late Venkatesh Godkhindi and Ronu Majumdar. Currently he is studying with vocalist Jayateerth Mevundi and is one of the most sought after young musicians today.



MEHTAB ALI NIAZI

Hailing from a traditional family of musicians, young Mehtab Ali represents the illustrious ‘Bhendi Bazar Gharana’ of music and has trained under his sitarist father, Mohsin Ali Khan. He is a promising figure in the field of Indian instrumental music. His flourish and flare for the instrument is indeed praiseworthy.

PRATIK SINGH

A multifaceted young artiste, Pratik Singh is equally gifted in vocal music and the tabla. He is one of the most promising disciples of maestro Nayan Ghosh. His natural artistry and colourful vocalism makes him stand out among today’s young artistes.

VANRAJ SHASTRI

Young sarangi virtuoso Vanraj Shastri has an exceptional command on this exquisite instrument. He has honed his skill under the tutelage of sarangi wizard Dhruba Ghosh and is currently a disciple of maestro Nayan Ghosh. He has received appreciation for achieving outstanding musical skill on the sarangi in a short span of time.





LINKS

Nayan Ghosh website

Nayan Ghosh Facebook page

Ishaan Ghosh Facebook page

WATCH / LISTEN

Pt. Nayan Ghosh – Tabla Solo – Darbar

Ishaan Ghosh – Tabla Solo – Live in Kolkata

Pt. Nayan Ghosh & Ishaan Ghosh – Live Tabla duet

Pt. Nayan Ghosh & Ishaan Ghosh – Live in concert & interview @ Saptak Festival

TOUR INFORMATION

About the performance
Title: Pandit Nayan Ghosh & Araj
Art form: Music
Genre: Indian classical music
Scale: Small, mid and large scale, theatre, music venues and festivals
Number of performers: 6
Duration: 70-90 minutes

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ABOUT ASIAN ARTS AGENCY

Asian Arts Agency is a dynamic arts development agency based in Bristol that develops, promotes and supports international contemporary and traditional South Asian arts through performances, workshops, new commissions, tours, international showcasing and ongoing support to artists.

Recent tours with international artists include Bollywood/Sufi singer Harshdeep Kaur, Pakistani Sufi singer Sain Zahoor, Pakistani Qawwali group Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali, Canada's Delhi 2 Dublin, Indian classical maestro Amjad Ali Khan with his sons Amaan Ali Khan and Ayaan Ali Khan, Talvin Singh's Devi project, and the debut UK tour of New York-based bhangra funk band Red Baraat as part of the London 2012 Festival.

Asian Arts Agency has worked with many world-class artists including Talvin Singh, Debashish Bhattacharya, Roopa Panesar, DJ Rekha, Malkit Singh, Niladri Kumar, Gurdass Mann, The Dhol Foundation, Jazzy B, Susheela Raman, Anoushka Shankar, Transglobal Underground, and Zakir Hussain.

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